

JOHN HILL SCHOOL

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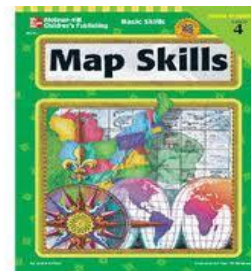
Mr. Bouroult's Physical Education Classes - JHS students are now finishing up their Presidential Physical Fitness Unit. The unit is a test of each student's cardiorespiratory endurance, flexibility, agility, and physical strength. Mr. Bouroult is very excited to announce that a number of students in every grade here at JHS have scored at the Presidential level in all six

challenges. The challenges involved in the unit were the mile run, sit-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, v-stretch, and the shuttle run. These outstanding students will be rewarded at our awards assembly before the winter recess. The students here at John Hill are still learning the proper way to stretch and warm up before each class activity. Some new warm ups incorporated this month were cobra's, the one minute run, squat jumps, and leg raises. In order to keep students endurance at a high level they are still asked to perform a running activity after each warm up. The Walk/Run club continued this month and many students in fifth and sixth grade have obtained a pumpkin for their necklace. The pumpkin is replacing the foot this month for the Halloween season. In order to receive a pumpkin, students must walk or run 16 laps around the field which is equivalent to walking or running four miles. In addition to the club, students can also still play a structured game of kickball with Miss Canarella. That's all for P.E! Make sure your child is ready for our next unit which is Soccer.

Mrs. DeHart's Science & Social Studies Classes -

This week in Science, fourth graders are studying the way animals are different and alike. The students studied vertebrates and invertebrates, and their various traits. They made a model of a fish, which shows the steps of how fish breathe under water.

They also studied about cold-blooded and warm blooded vertebrates. In Social Studies, the students used Social Studies Center activities that taught the students about geography and map skills.





Ms. Pesceovich's Music Classes - In music class, students have selected their two songs to sing for their Winter Concert. Each individual grade will be singing two songs with their class for the concert. The concert is scheduled for December 13th at 6:30pm in the John Hill School auditorium. In instrument lessons, the students are practicing hard and learning new notes and fingerings on their instruments. They are playing difficult rhythms and are doing a great job. They are also working very hard preparing band songs for the concert.

Mrs. Barrientos's Sixth Grade Reading Classes-

During School Violence Awareness Week students were given a challenge each day to prevent youth violence. The challenges were to promote respect and tolerance, manage their anger, resolve conflicts peacefully, support safety both in school and their community, and unite together for a common purpose to support our community. Students also listened to the story *Chrystanemum* to identify the themes of self-confidence, bullying, teasing, and uniqueness to name a few. The students also have started their first novel of the year, *The Egypt Game*. Students been busy identifying the characters and traits the author uses to describe them. *The Egypt Game* is an exciting book in which the characters set out on a wonderful escapade and create their own game filled with the mystery of ancient Egypt. Through this book and additional reading, classes are learning about the pharaohs, queens, and gods of ancient Egypt. This week students were introduced to a dainty new character who will bring new ideas and excitement to the ongoing adventure.



JHS Halloween Costume Party - The PTA is sponsoring a Halloween Costume Party at John Hill School for all students in grades 4 through 6. The Party will be held on Friday, October 28th in the JHS Gym from 6:30 - 8:30pm. The evening will include: games, music, a costume contest, and light refreshments. If you are interested in making a donation or would like more information, please contact Debbie Salemi at DebSSalemi@aol.com or 973-299-2727.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- October 28th - JHS Halloween Dance 6:30 - 8:30pm
- November 7, 8, & 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences -
students will be dismissed at 12:40pm
- November 10 & 11 - Schools Closed